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EXPLOSIVE CHARGE**

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2002, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

In the specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7 line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Turning now to the drawings, as seen in Figure 1, a tubular 10 is provided with an outside surface 12, a tubular wall 14, and an inside surface 16. Explosive charges 18, and their associated detonators (not shown) are attached to the outer surface of the wall, preferably in blind bores 20. In wells, where space is at a premium, this embodiment allows the explo-